



## **FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION**

**[OMB 3060-0686, OMB 3060-0944 and OMB 3060-1163; FR ID 131013]**

### **Information Collections Being Reviewed by the Federal Communications Commission**

**AGENCY:** Federal Communications Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** As part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork burdens, and as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), the Federal Communications Commission (FCC or Commission) invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the following information collections. Comments are requested concerning: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information shall have practical utility; the accuracy of the Commission's burden estimate; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information collected; ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and ways to further reduce the information collection burden on small business concerns with fewer than 25 employees.

The FCC may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. No person shall be subject to any penalty for failing to comply with a collection of information subject to the PRA that does not display a valid OMB control number.

**DATES:** Written PRA comments should be submitted on or before **[INSERT DATE 60 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, you should advise the contact listed below as soon as possible.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all PRA comments to Cathy Williams, FCC, via email to [PRA@fcc.gov](mailto:PRA@fcc.gov) and to [Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov](mailto:Cathy.Williams@fcc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For additional information about the information collection, contact Cathy Williams at (202) 418-2918.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**OMB Control No.:** 3060-0686.

**Title:** International Section 214 Authorizations, 47 CFR 63.10-63.25, 1.40001, 1.40003

**Form No.:** ITC-214 – International Section 214 Authorization Application (revising form); ITC-ASG/TC - International Section 214 Authorization Assignment or Transfer of Control of Authorization (revising form); ITC-FCN - International Section 214 Authorization Foreign Carrier Notification (revising form); ITC-STA – International Section 214 Authorization Special Temporary Authority (revising form); ITC-AMD - International Section 214 Authorization Amendment (new form); ITC-MOD - International Section 214 Authorization Modification (new form); ITC-RPT - International Section 214 Authorization Dominant Carrier Quarterly Reports (new form); ITC-WAV - International Section 214 Authorization Waiver Request (new form); and, ITC-DSC - International Section 214 Authorization Discontinuance of Service (new form).

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities.

**Number of Respondents:** 228 respondents; 648 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 1 hour to 120 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion, annual and quarterly reporting requirements, third party disclosure requirement, and recordkeeping requirement.

**Obligation to Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for Part 1 of this information collection is contained in 47 U.S.C 151, 154(i), 154(j), 155, 225, 303(r), 309, and 325(e).

The statutory authority for part 63 of this information collection is contained in sections 1, 4(j), 10, 11, 201-205, 214, 218, 403, and 651 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

**Total Annual Burden:** 2,709 hours.

**Annual Cost Burden:** \$992,830.

**Needs and Uses:** The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve a revision of OMB Control No. 3060-0686 to incorporate changes from three Commission orders: the *Mandatory Electronic Filing Order*, FCC 21-87, the *2020 Executive Branch Review Order*, FCC 20-122 and the *2021 Executive Branch Standard Questions Order*,

FCC 21-104. The Commission also seeks approval for online electronic forms that are currently under development as part of the Commission's modernization of its online, web-based electronic filing system -- the International Bureau Filing System (IBFS). To improve the Commission's collection of information related to international section 214 authorizations (international 214s) and to incorporate the new requirements, the Commission revised current application forms and added new forms.

First, the *Mandatory Electronic Filing Order* requires that any remaining applications and reports administered by the International Bureau that are filed on paper or through an alternative filing process should be filed electronically once forms become available in IBFS. The Order sought to reduce costs and administrative burdens, and therefore to result in greater efficiencies, facilitate faster and efficient communications, and overall improve transparency to the public.

Second, the *2020 Executive Branch Review Order* and the *2021 Executive Branch Standard Questions Order* create new requirements associated with certain applications, including international 214 applications, with reportable foreign ownership that will be reviewed by the relevant Executive Branch agencies for national security, law enforcement, foreign policy and trade policy issues as well as other changes. In the *2020 Executive Branch Review Order*, the Commission adopted rules and procedures to facilitate a more streamlined and transparent review process for coordinating applications with the Executive Branch agencies. The Commission also established firm time frames for the Executive Branch agencies to complete their review consistent with Executive Order 13913, which established the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (the Committee). Specifically, under the new rules, the Committee has 120 days for initial review, plus an additional 90 days for secondary assessment if the Committee determines that the risk to national security or law enforcement interests cannot be mitigated with standard mitigation measures. The Commission also adopted and codified five categories of information for which applicants must provide detailed and comprehensive information to the Committee.

In the *2021 Executive Branch Standards Questions Order*, the Commission adopted the Standard Questions – a baseline set of national security and law enforcement questions covering the five categories of information described above. The responses to the Standard Questions will replace the information that applicants currently provide to the Committee on an individualized basis. The Standard Questions consist of six separate questionnaires (based on subject matter) and a supplement for the provision of personally identifiable information (PII). Two of these questionnaires and the PII supplement are applicable to international 214s. International 214 applicants with reportable foreign ownership will be required to answer the questions, and file their responses, as well as a copy of the FCC application, directly with the Committee.

Finally, the Commission is in the process of modernizing IBFS (IBFS Modernization). This includes developing new and revised international 214 application forms to improve the Commission's information collection and comply with the new requirements. Until the electronic forms are approved, international 214 applicants are required to provide the information required by *2020 Executive Branch Review Order* and the *2021 Executive Branch Standard Questions Order* by filing current applications and filing separate documents into IBFS to comply with the rules. We estimate that the projected completion date for the modernized IBFS, including all international 214 application forms, will be September, 2023.

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-0944.

**Title:** Cable Landing License Act, 47 CFR 1.767, 1.768, 1.40001, 1.40003, Executive Order 10530

**Form Number:** SCL-LIC - Submarine Cable Landing License Application (revising form); SCL-STA – Submarine Cable Landing License Special Temporary Authority (revising form); SCL-FCN - Submarine Cable Landing License Foreign Carrier Affiliation (revising form); SCL-ASG/TC - Submarine Cable Landing License Assignment or Transfer of Control of License (new form); SCL-LPN - Submarine Cable Landing License Landing Point Notification (new form); SCL\_MOD - Submarine Cable Landing License Modification (new form); SCL-RPT - Submarine Cable Landing License Quarterly Report (new form); SCL-RWL - Submarine Cable Landing License Renewal (new form); and, SCL-WAV - Submarine Cable Landing License Waiver Request (new form).

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business and other for-profit entities.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 46 respondents; 146 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 1 to 120 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On occasion reporting requirement, Quarterly reporting requirement, Recordkeeping requirement and third-party disclosure requirement.

**Obligation To Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this information collection is contained in the Submarine Cable Landing License Act of 1921, 47 U.S.C. 34-39, Executive Order 10530, Executive Order 13913, section 5(a), and the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, 47 U.S.C. 151, 152, 154(i)-(j), 155, 303(r), 309, and 403.

**Total Annual Burden:** 855 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** \$307,355.

**Needs and Uses:** The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve revisions to OMB Control No. 3060-0944 to incorporate the new requirements adopted by the Commission in the *2020 Executive Branch Review Order*, FCC 20-133 and in the *2021 Executive Branch Standard Questions Order*, FCC 21-104. The Commission also seeks approval for online electronic forms that are currently under development as part of the Commission's modernization of its International Bureau Filing System (IBFS). To improve the Commission's collection of information related to submarine cable applications and to incorporate the new requirements, the Commission revised current submarine cable application forms and added new forms.

*First, the 2020 Executive Branch Review Order and the 2021 Executive Branch Standard Questions Order* create new requirements associated with certain applications, including submarine cable applications, with reportable foreign ownership that will be reviewed by the relevant Executive Branch agencies for national security, law enforcement, foreign policy and trade policy issues as well as other changes. In the *2020 Executive Branch Review Order*, the Commission adopted rules and procedures to facilitate a more streamlined and transparent review process for coordinating applications with the Executive Branch agencies. The Commission also established firm time frames for the Executive Branch

agencies to complete their review consistent with Executive Order 13913, which established the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (the Committee). Specifically, under the new rules, the Committee has 120 days for initial review, plus an additional 90 days for secondary assessment if the Committee determines that the risk to national security or law enforcement interests cannot be mitigated with standard mitigation measures. The Commission also adopted and codified five categories of information for which applicants must provide detailed and comprehensive information to the Committee.

In the *2021 Executive Branch Standards Questions Order*, the Commission adopted the Standard Questions – a baseline set of national security and law enforcement questions covering the five categories of information described above. The responses to the Standard Questions will replace the information that applicants currently provide to the Committee on an individualized basis. The Standard Questions consist of six separate questionnaires (based on subject matter) and a supplement for the provision of personally identifiable information (PII). Two of these questionnaires and the PII supplement are applicable to submarine cables. Submarine cable applicants with reportable foreign ownership will be required to answer the questions and file their responses directly with the Committee.

*Second*, the Commission is in the process of modernizing IBFS (IBFS Modernization), including developing new and revised submarine cable application forms to improve the Commission's information collection and comply with the new requirements. Until the electronic forms are approved, submarine cable applicants are required to provide the information required by *2020 Executive Branch Review Order* and the *2021 Executive Branch Standard Questions Order* by filing current applications and filing separate documents into IBFS to comply with the rules. We estimate that the projected completion date for the modernized IBFS, including all cable landing license application forms, will be September, 2023.

**OMB Control Number:** 3060-1163.

**Title:** 47 CFR 1.5001-1.5004 Regulations Applicable to Broadcast, Common Carrier, and Aeronautical Radio Licensees Under Section 310(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.

**Form Number:** ISP-PDR – Section 310(b) Petition for Declaratory Ruling (new form); ISP-AMD - Section 310(b) Petition for Declaratory Ruling Amendment; and, ISP-WAV Section 310(b) Petition for Declaratory Ruling Waiver Request.

**Type of Review:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Respondents:** Business or other for-profit entities.

**Number of Respondents and Responses:** 21 respondents; 53 responses.

**Estimated Time per Response:** 1 hour to 120 hours.

**Frequency of Response:** On-occasion reporting requirement.

**Obligation To Respond:** Required to obtain or retain benefits. The statutory authority for this collection is contained in 47 U.S.C 151, 154(i), 154(j), 155, 225, 303(r), 309, and 325(e).

**Total Annual Burden:** 1,304 hours.

**Total Annual Cost:** \$435,825.

**Needs and Uses:** The Federal Communications Commission (Commission) is requesting that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approve a revision of OMB Control No. 3060-1163 to incorporate new requirements adopted by the Commission in the *2020 Executive Branch Review Order*, FCC 20-133 and the *2021 Executive Branch Standard Questions Order*, FCC 21-104. The Commission also seeks approval for online electronic forms that are currently under development as part of the Commission's modernization of its online, web-based electronic filing system -- the International Bureau Filing System (IBFS). The Commission has developed new IBFS forms to improve the Commission's collection of information related to foreign ownership petitions for declaratory ruling under section 310(b) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the Act), (section 310(b) petitions or petitions) related to common carrier wireless, aeronautical en route and aeronautical fixed radio station licenses (collectively, wireless common carrier licenses) and to incorporate the new requirements.

First, the *2020 Executive Branch Review Order* and the *2021 Executive Branch Standard Questions Order* create new requirements associated with certain applications, including section 310(b) petitions that will be reviewed by the relevant Executive Branch agencies for national security, law enforcement, foreign policy and trade policy issues as well as other changes. In the *2020 Executive Branch Review Order*, the Commission adopted rules and procedures to facilitate a more streamlined and transparent review process for coordinating applications with the Executive Branch agencies. The Commission also established firm time frames for the Executive Branch agencies to complete their review consistent with Executive Order 13913, which established the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the United States Telecommunications Services Sector (the Committee). Specifically, under the new rules, the Committee has 120 days for initial review, plus an additional 90 days for secondary assessment if the Committee determines that the risk to national security or law enforcement interests cannot be mitigated with standard mitigation measures. The Commission also adopted and codified five categories of information for which applicants must provide detailed and comprehensive information to the Committee.

Second, in the *2021 Executive Branch Standards Questions Order*, the Commission adopted the Standard Questions – a baseline set of national security and law enforcement questions covering the five categories of information described above. The responses to the Standard Questions will replace the information that petitioners currently provide to the Committee on an individualized basis. The Standard Questions consist of six separate questionnaires (based on subject matter) and a supplement for the provision of personally identifiable information (PII). Petitioners will be required to submit their responses to the Standard Questions and a copy of the section 310(b) petition, directly with the Committee. Broadcast petitioners will be required to answer the questions (PII supplement), and common carrier wireless petitioners will be required to answer the questions.

Finally, the Commission is in the process of modernizing IBFS (IBFS Modernization). Common carrier wireless section 310(b) petitions are filed through IBFS while broadcast section 310(b) petitions are filed through the Media Bureau's Licensing and Management System (LMS) when submitted with a



broadcast construction permit, assignment, or transfer of control application. The IBFS Modernization includes developing forms for the submission of petitions related to common carrier wireless licenses to improve the Commission's information collection and comply with the new requirements. Until the new IBFS forms are approved, common carrier wireless section 310(b) petitioners will be required to provide the information required by *2020 Executive Branch Review Order* and the *2021 Executive Branch Standard Questions Order* by filing current petitions and filing separate documents into IBFS to comply with the rules. We estimate that the projected completion date for the modernized IBFS, including all forms related to common carrier wireless section 310(b) petitions, will be September, 2023.

**Federal Communications Commission.**

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